



CLARE RURAL DISTRICT

in the

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1972

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Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District
of Clare, in the County of West Suffolk, for the year
ended 31st December, 1972

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.

29th August, 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Clare Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In accordance with the Public Health Officers regulations, 1959, I have the honour to present for your information the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1972. The appointment of Medical Officer of Health to the Council is at present vacant and is being filled on a temporary basis by the County Medical Officer of Health and as I succeeded Dr. D.A. McCracken on his retirement in June 1972 it falls to me to present this report.

The estimated population of the district has increased by 320 people, the natural increase, that is excess of births over deaths, being 33. The vital statistics of births, deaths and infant mortality show differences from those for the country as a whole, but because of the relatively small numbers involved the differences are not statistically significant. Amongst the deaths however were included seven from lung cancer and twenty-eight from coronary heart disease. Cigarette smoking is a very significant factor in lung cancer and implicated in coronary heart disease and many of these deaths could have been prevented had the subjects not ignored the clear evidence of the dangers of cigarette smoking which is now available.

The incidents of notifiable infectious disease was very low primarily due to a drop in the notification of measles. It would be tempting, but misleading, to ascribe this fall to immunisation. It is more likely that we are seeing a return to the biennial periodicity of this disease which was a marked feature before the natural pattern was disturbed by immunisation. Measles is still a disease with an appreciable incidence of serious complications and it is to be hoped that more parents will take advantage of the protection that is available to their children by immunisation.

A particular feature of the year was the use of the former Royal Air Force Station at Stradishall as a resettlement centre for Ugandian Asians expelled from their country. I should like to express my gratitude to Mr. H.A. Smith, Senior Public Health Inspector, and his colleagues who were responsible for supervising the re-activation of the sanitary services and subsequently undertaking general supervision of hygiene throughout the centre. The work at the centre constituted a heavy additional burden to their normal duties.

D.G.H. Patey,

County Medical Officer of Health

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

D.G.H. Patey, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., M.F.C.M., D.P.H.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Mr. H.A. Smith, M.I.P.H.E., F.I.A.S., M.R.S.H.,
who also holds the office of Engineer and Surveyor

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Mr. W.J. Black, M.A.P.H.I.,
who also serves as Building Inspector

MEAT INSPECTION

A Senior Meat Inspector together with seven
'authorised officers' are appointed to carry
out meat inspection duties at the Little
Wratting Abattoir.

GENERAL STATISTICS

(Figures in brackets through the report relate to the previous year).

Area of the district	(49,360 acres)	49,328 acres
Number of Parishes	(24)	24
Rateable Value	(£234,995)	£256,725
Sum represented by new penny rate	(£2,390)	£2,373
Number of dwellings	(3844)	3,985
Population Census 1971	9751	-
Population Registrar's Estimate	(June 1971 9,840)	June 1972 10,160

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR
(as supplied by the General Register Office)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>					
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	74	160
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
Total										87	76	163					
Live birth rate per 1,000 population										..	..	16.0			
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 1.10)										..	..	17.6			
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)										..	..	14.8			
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births										..	..	2			
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>					
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Total										-	1	1					
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths										..	..	6			
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(Eng. & Wales)	..	..	12			
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>					
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	75	161
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
Total										87	77	164					
<u>DEATHS</u>										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>					
										82	48	130					
Death rate per 1,000 population										..	..	12.8			
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor .86)										..	..	11.0			
Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)										..	..	12.1			
<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u> - Deaths of infants under one year of age										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>					
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
Total										1	3	4					
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>																	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births										..	..	25			
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(England & Wales)	..	..	17			
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births										..	..	19			
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " "										..	..	333			
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>																	
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births										..	..	18			
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>																	
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births										..	..	6			
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>																	
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths										..	..	12			
<u>RATES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS</u>										<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Adjusted birth rates										20.4	20.2	20.4	18.1	17.4	14.3	18.0	17.6
Adjusted death rates										11.2	8.2	9.6	8.6	9.1	10.9	9.0	11.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Diseases</u>										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1
Diabetes Mellitus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Other diseases of nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Hypertensive Disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	7
Other forms of heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5
Cerebrovascular disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4
Other diseases of circulatory system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	-
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5
Other diseases of digestive system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1
Congenital anomalies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	-
All other accidents	1	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	2
										<u>82</u>	<u>48</u>

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	17	37
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	8
										<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>45</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Cases at commencement 1972	2	3	-	1	6
2. First notified during 1972	1	1	-	-	2
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register	-	-	-	-	-
6. Remaining at 31.12.72	3	4	-	1	8

Account		Date		Description		Amount		
1000	1000	10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
		10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
		10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
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		10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
		10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
		10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
		10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000	
		Total		1000		1000		1000

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DATE	PLACE	NAME	AMOUNT
10	10	10	10
10	10	10	10
10	10	10	10

REMARKS

DATE	PLACE	NAME	AMOUNT	REMARKS
10	10	10	10	1000
10	10	10	10	1000
10	10	10	10	1000
10	10	10	10	1000
10	10	10	10	1000
10	10	10	10	1000

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY YOUR SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A. WATER SUPPLY

Mains water is supplied to your area by the West Suffolk Water Board. The water has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

The number of standpipe supplies is relatively small and it is estimated that 95 per cent of houses have mains water.

B. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work of laying sewers proceeded in the Villages of Cowlinge and Stansfield and hamlets of Clopton and Wickham Street, and part of these sewers were made available for house drainage connections before the end of the year.

A contract was let for the laying of foul water sewers in the parish of Little Wratting and work will be completed by the end of next year.

Plans were completed for extending your treatment works at Hundon to deal with effluent from an anticipated population arising from this planned Village growth.

Drawings are in an advanced stage of preparation for sewerage schemes in the Villages of Hawkedon, Denston and Stradishall, sewage from which would be pumped into the recently laid main for treatment at the Wickhambrook works.

Plans for sewerage Depden Village by pumping sewage to Ashfield Green and thence into the existing Wickhambrook sewers are almost completed.

Upon completion of the above schemes all Villages in your area will have main drainage, and I would say that this could be by mid-1976.

C. CLEANSING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

The bulk of refuse from the weekly kerbside bin collection is pulverised at the Haverhill U.D.C. plant.

A tip at Kedington is open for emergency dumping and for residents of the district to deposit their refuse and abandoned cars. The quarry at Denston is full and has been soiled over.

Some trade refuse and 'after market' residue is collected weekly at Clare. Waste paper is no longer collected.

Septic tanks on Council House sites where main drainage is not available are cleared by Contractors, and a subsidised clearance is also given to private householders' tanks. There is special provision made at the Clare sewage disposal works for reception and treatment of septic sewage.

D. HOUSING

A considerable number of houses continue to be improved with and without grant aid. Housing complaints of lack of amenities, repairs and such have been investigated, and owners co-operation in remedying defects has been good. No statutory notices under the Public Health or Housing Acts have been served. Improvement grants in respect of 58 houses were given during the year.

New dwellings continue to be built, largely in estate formation by private enterprise, whilst the Council are erecting two bedroomed bungalows for letting as need arises in small numbers and in several villages.

There are no Common Lodging houses in the area.

A small number of individual caravans are controlled by an annual Planning Consent. There are no site licenses in operation.

One or two gipsy caravans arrived in your area for a few days at irregular intervals only.

E. PET SHOPS

There are none in the area.

ANIMAL BOARDING KENNELS

Only one is registered

NOISE ABATEMENT

No statutory action was called for

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

No formal action was necessary

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

The number of premises registered under the Act is 33. Contraventions in relation to cleanliness, clothing, and First Aid equipment were remedied

PETROLEUM SPIRIT STORAGE

There are 68 licensed petrol storage installations in your area.

F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Inspections reveal that a reasonably good standard of hygiene is being maintained at premises offering food for sale and also in mobile vehicles. Any faults lie in the absence of efficient washing facilities and identification of vans.

There is no ice cream manufactured in the area and shops selling pre-packed ice cream are registered to do so.

The one licensed slaughterhouse in your area is at The Little Wrattling Abattoir where extensive enlargements are in progress. The premises are also licensed to carry on the process of blood drying, fat melting, rendering and gut scraping.

A licensed knackers yard exists at Chilton, near Clare. No animals are slaughtered on these premises.

Licensed slaughtermen number 43.

477,033 pigs were killed and inspected in the whole area during the year. 1263 whole carcasses were condemned for disease other than tuberculosis. About 296 tons of meat and offal was unfit for human food.

There are no poultry processing premises in the area.

Food Premises in the area:

Licensed Inns and Clubs	43
Restaurants and Cafes	4
Bakeries	1
General Stores	27
Butchers	3
Greengrocers	1
Fried Fish Shops	2
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G. FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	N U M B E R O F		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	25	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	5	1	-	-
TOTAL	37	29	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found 4

3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

No. of Outworkers :-

Making of wearing apparel - 3
 Making of boxes etc. - 7

Form 100-100000-1

1. This form is to be completed by the individual or organization responsible for the collection of information on the subject of this investigation.

(1) Name of individual or organization	(2) Address	(3) Telephone	(4) Date of birth	(5) Place of birth
-	-	E	E	(1) Individual (2) Organization Name of individual or organization
-	-	-	AT	(1) Individual (2) Organization Name of individual or organization
-	-	-	T	(1) Individual (2) Organization Name of individual or organization
-	-	-	-	-

2. This form is to be completed by the individual or organization responsible for the collection of information on the subject of this investigation.

(1) Individual (2) Organization

Name of individual or organization

3. This form is to be completed by the individual or organization responsible for the collection of information on the subject of this investigation.

4. This form is to be completed by the individual or organization responsible for the collection of information on the subject of this investigation.

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
(1)	(2)	(3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1			
(b) Unsuitable for defective	1	1			
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	1		
Total	3	3	1		

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork - Sections 133 and 134

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing } making etc. apparel } cleaning } and } washing	3					
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	7					
Total	10					

